

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass times

Monday to Saturday 9.10am (preceded by Rosary at 8:40am)

Thursday 7.00pm (preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm)

Reconciliation:

Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm (during Adoration)

First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (during Adoration)

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Adoration:


Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

Baptisms:

First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only [via our website](#)



The Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord

The Feast is a commemoration of the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. It was celebrated annually from as early as apostolic times. The Council of Nicaea set the date for the celebration of the Resurrection in 325, choosing to keep Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on/after the vernal equinox. This decision also placed the Ascension, being forty days after Easter, on a Thursday. Today, many ecclesiastical provinces transfer the celebration to the following Sunday to provide for a wider celebration. The Ascension is believed to have occurred less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem. It marks the completion of Jesus’ earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge.

- First being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His, the Father’s, and the Holy Spirit’s essence.
- Second He had the perfection of infused knowledge, ie, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission.
- Third He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission, His learned knowledge continued to grow until perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences, and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. Today we commemorate that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to follow.

The final stage of the salvation of humanity takes place when Jesus returns to judge the living and dead. At that time, every human body will rise, will endure the final purification and transformation, and will share in the new and resurrected state in which the faithful will stand, body and soul, before the Most Holy Trinity and experience the fullness of the Beatific Vision forever. What Jesus has already accomplished in His human form is what we look forward to in hope at the end of time.

Source: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/the-ascension-of-the-lord/>

Morning Tea next weekend - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea.

Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419.

Please pray for our sick ... Heavenly Father, lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. Amen

Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Ameriza Ayoub, Anne Burt, Anthony Iannuzzi, Bailey, Cathie Christie, Christine Coorey, David, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Evelyn Rucda, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Krishna Premadas, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Mary Finianos, Maureen McLoughlun, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Peter Gamble, Piljoo Ko, Rosa Caccamo, Sally Georges, Sam Papallo, Sarah Sheehan, Stella Kim, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vanessa Ibrahim.

Please pray for ... May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Sister Clare Gonsalves, Beth Kenny, Chammouni Frangi, Claude Jumeau, George Steel, John Caleo, Charles and Josephine Clayton, John and Kevin Young, Joseph Lucas, Louis and Mary El Bayeh, Michael South, Roland Gonzalez, Vince Colosimo.

Moments of Mercy

O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy.

Prayer for Vocations

Isaiah’s vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena prayed after Mass every Wednesday morning.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

Christ's Catholic Community

Prayer group every Friday 10am: Parish Centre Conference Room.

Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

Mass with Ephpheta

Thirld Sunday at 9:30am

Men's Ministry St Paul's

Second Thursday of the month: 6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

Women's Ministry St Paul's

Thirld Thursday of the month: 6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request

Communion to the sick

Contact parish office to organise.

St Vincent de Paul Society

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 7pm Parish Centre conference room. Assistance? 131812 (M-F 8.30-4.30)

Hearing Loop:

For signal, set to ‘T’ (Telecoil). www.parracatholic.org/ www.catholicoutlook.org/

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24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - June

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 6th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 7th

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



It’s not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6.00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

Seeking volunteers to assist - Annual St Paul the Apostle Parish Feast Day: Sunday, 29th June

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate this annual parish event which will commence with a special feast day Mass at 9:30am, followed by fellowship and lunch. We can’t make this day a success without the generosity of our volunteers. There are many ways and areas to assist eg bring a plate, setting up, cleaning, serving food, BBQ and pack up. As you enter the Church there are lists where you can record your details in areas where you can help or to bring a plate. With the large turnout of families, we are keen to provide entertainment and activities such as games and music and please give thought if you are able to assist. Please don’t hesitate to contact the parish office to find out more. THANK YOU !



Special Healing Mass here at St Paul’s: Wednesday 25th June, 6:30pm

Father Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will be celebrating a special Healing Mass. Father has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Please bring family and friends. All are welcome to be healed by this renowned minister of God’s love, mercy, forgiveness and healing.

Liturgical Ministry Courses—please register early to avoid missing out

This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within our Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Courses will be held commencing in September 2025 . To enrol and for more details, please contact the parish office. Registrations close 19th August but places may run out before that date.

Upcoming registration for Sacrament of Confirmation

Please note registrations will open on Monday, 16th June and only online via our website. All details available in next weekend’s bulletin.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Over 70 of our parish children are on their journey preparing for this Sacrament. Over the coming weeks, please pray for them, and their families. Communion masses will be celebrated at 11:00am on Sunday 15th and 22nd June.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and “The Little White Box”

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies remains an urgent need in our community. On the first Sunday each month we put out “the Little White Box” at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit pregnancyhelpsydney.com . Thank you.

Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians - Thank you!

Thank you for your tremendous generosity to help our seminarians to be ‘Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope’ for God’s people. If you wish to donate or contribute, please do so via this appeal link parracatholic.org/appeal

Safe Parishes Week: 2nd – 8th June 2025

A time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all — especially children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese supports this through training, resources, and initiatives like online check-ins for visiting clergy, child-friendly online tools, and others that align with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities. Learn more: parracatholic.org/safeguarding

Servant Communities (Sydney) - Revival “Life In The Spirit Conference“: Saturday, 21st June

Theme: Rekindling the fire of our Catholic Charismatic Gifts. Speaker Very Rev. Joel S. Aquino, (Servant General PACEM Missionaries)

When: Saturday, 21st June 9:00am - 4:00pm and Sunday, 22nd June 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Where: St. George Preca Centre, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Contacts: Rosalin Polinar 0430 146 442, Joe Ramirez 0425 272 850, Robert Abao 0430 714 258 & friends.

Pre-registration is essential and free admission. Food and drinks are provided. Come along with family and friends. PACEM (Pastoral Assistance Community Education Mission) is a Philippines based Roman Catholic Clerical Society of Apostolic Life of the Diocesan Right.

Shaping a Culture of Encounter in a Fragmented World (Prof Leo Lefebure): Thursday 26th June

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Free talk at 6.00 pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre. Open to people of all faiths: events.humanitix.com/leo-lefebure-multifaith-event

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

The jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

2nd Sts Marcellinus & Peter | 3rd St Charles Lwanga & companions | 5th St Boniface | 6th St Marcellin Champagnat | 8th Pentecost

Low Cost Counselling Services (Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains)

Provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you’re looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.